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Patent Number: 5679081

Application Number: 19960312

Issue Date: 10-21-1997

Filing Date: MARCH 12, 1996

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9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.



Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

10-25-10

Date

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ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee Payment
- ☒ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely
- ☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
- ☐ Other: _____

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1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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STATEMENT

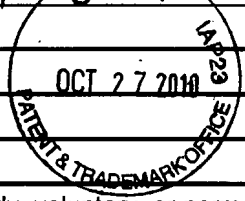
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1502/2502	1.18(b)	Design issue fee	860.00	430.00
1503/2503	1.18(c)	Plant issue fee	1,190.00	595.00
1511/2511	1.18(a)	Reissue issue fee	1,510.00	755.00
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1552/2552	1.20(f)	Due at 7.5 years	2,480.00	1,240.00
1553/2553	1.20(g)	Due at 11.5 years	4,110.00	2,055.00
1554/2554	1.20(h)	Surcharge - 3.5 year - Late payment within 6 months	130.00	65.00
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1557	1.20(i)(1)	Surcharge after expiration - Late payment is unavoidable	700.00	
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1801/2801	1.17(e)	Request for continued examination (RCE) (see 37 CFR 1.114)	810.00	405.00
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1809/2809	1.17(r)	Filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129 (a))	810.00	405.00
1810/2810	1.17(s)	For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b))	810.00	405.00
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